

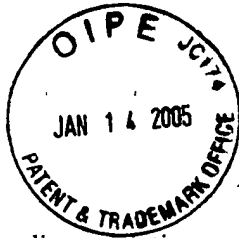
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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A loading-assisting apparatus for use with a centrifuge is provided with a measuring device configured to measure the weight of each of the object processing groups, a detector device configured to detect a difference between the weight of each of the object processing groups and a corresponding reference value, and an adjusting/loading device configured to make predetermined weight adjustments to each of the processing groups in accordance with the difference, and to subsequently load the processing groups in the centrifuge.